

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Aguilar, Jr. et al.	§	Group Art Unit: 2136
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Serial No.: 10/670,825	§	Examiner: Shiferaw, Eleni A.
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Filed: September 25, 2003	§	Attorney Docket No.: AUS920030704US1
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For: System and Method for	§	Customer No.: 50170
Encrypting Data Using a Plurality	§	
of Processors	§	

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

A fee of \$150.00 is required for 3 additional claims in excess of 20. No additional fees are believed to be necessary. If, however, any additional fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

Prior to initial examination of this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows: